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1. A bomb burst in the middle of a Communist Youth meeting at Pogrodj1 ^[sic] situated northeast of Ikhtiman, on 12 Apr 54. There were two dead and nine wounded. Among the wounded was the secretary of the Syndicate of Workers, Argiri Tomchev. 50X1-HUM

2. There was a fight between militia and the villagers of Konarevitch (near Botevgrad, northeast of Sofia) on 14 Apr 54. Combat started because the villagers refused to hand over three Agrarians--Lazar Ranev, Petar Georgiev, and Boris Turev, all of whom belonged to the local resistance movement. While these three men headed for the mountains, the militia opened fire. They wounded six persons, one of whom died in the field.
3. Arrests followed, and detachments sent into the region spread terror among the peasants.
4. Between 15 Apr 54 and 1 May 54, there were four hundred arrests in the vicinity of Sofia. These took place in Petrich, Vertikal, Dragolevci, Miravina, Zelejnitza, Karaminovitsi, Novosiltza, Kadnitja. Militia forces were sent in and army detachments also arrived. There is a great deal of feeling against the Soviets among the people, because the Soviet authorities are taking the produce which the Bulgarian population needs.

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